ARISTOCRATIC DOGS.

THE BIG BENCH SHOW SOON TO OPEN.

A LONG LIST OF ENTRIES-SOME SURE PRIZE-

Robert Browning's description of the rats which trooped into Hamelin City at the sound of the first notes from the finte of his famous "Piet Piper is Welsh, Skye and Yorkshire terriers and greyhounds. notes from the flate of his famous "Pied Piper ' is peculiarly appropriate to the annual New-York Dog show. He who visits the huge auditorium of New-York's great showroom, Madison Square Garden, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of next week.

Great dogs, small dogs, lean dogs, brawny dogs, Brown dogs, black dogs, gray dogs, tawny dogs, Grave old plodders, gay young friskers, Fathers, mothers, uncles, cour

ocking talls and pricking whiskers, Families by tens and dozens.

will see bewildering rows of low benches litercovered with dogs of all colors, of all shapes, of all sizes; he will have a perfect Babel of barks, from -mouthed baying of the bloodhounds and mastiffs to the shrill and rasping plaints of the terriers and poodles. He will see, also, and this is far from the most inconsiderable feature of the exhibition, New-York and Brooklyn people by the hundreds and by the thousands. He will see them stream up and down long aisles between the benches in an endless



MISS A. H. WHITNEY AND WILLIAM TALLMAN. throng throughout each afternoon and evening while some dachshunde. For society turns out in force each Emperor Maximilian and Dago. year for the dog show. "Everybody who is any body" goes to the Garden to see the dogs, to see each

In point of numbers and quality of the dogs entered, the seventeenth annual bench show of the Westmin ster Kennel Club is equal, if not superior, to any of entered by their owners, and every breed which is seen in this country is represented. Fourteen hundred dogs in one building make a tremendous number, when one comes to think of it, but when one con



E. W. OLDHAM AND G. MUSS-ARNOLT. that any one of them would be considered a remarkably fine animal when compared with ordinary dogs, some idea of the importance of the temporary dog colony may be imagined. The very cream of the finest hennels in the United States and Canada will be seen in the show, the dogs ranging from the young pupples which are entered by breeders for sale up to the famous St. Bernard Sir Bedivere, who is said to have cost a few years ago \$10,000, and who has been called the most valuable dog in the world.



A special feature of the show will be the number of eccently imported dogs which have never before been coated St. Bernards shown by Jacob Ruppert, jr.'s Dutchess Kennel, of New-York, are Kingstonian Count, Kingstonian Beauty, Kingstonian Countess and Hepsey, all recently imported by Mr. Ruppert, and never before shown in this country. King-tonian Beauty won one of the highest prizes in the last bench show at the Crystal Palace in London. Marvel, of W. C. Reick's New-York St. Bernard Kennels, is also a recent importation. The Swiss Mountain Kennels, of Philadelphia have entered Scottish Leader and Leitha, two imported dogs, in the class for smooth-coated St. Bernards former was first shown last year in New-York, and then won fourth prize, although in bad condition, not having gotten over the effects of the ocean voyage. Leitha has never been exhibited in this country. natus, Gem of the Season and Lilly of Gainsh three fine greyhounds recently imported from England. be shown by Arthur W. Purbeck, of Salem

In the competition for pointers, T. G. Davey, of Ontario, will show a fine imported bitch in Ightfield Madge, while among those from Hempstead Farm, of Long Island, are Woolton Game and Robert le Diable, two other recent importations. Pathfinder and Saleni, two buildogs who have won heavily in England, will be shown by the Wheatly Kennels, of Plainfield, N. J. There are also two dogs in the class for wire-haired fox terriers which have never been exhibited on this side of the Atlantic before. St. Broom and Sister Pattern belong to H. W. Smith, and were considered fine dogs in England. The latter won the title of champion there

There are in all 211 classes, in each of which first id second cash prizes are offered, and in some third and fourth prizes also. These cash premiums are offered by the Westminster Kennel Club, and vary in amount from \$5 to \$25. There are also many other prizes effered by kennel clubs and individuals, consisting of challenge cups, medals, cash and other pre-miums. No less than twenty-one of these special prizes are offered for buildogs. Among the most nota-ble of the special prizes are a \$300 challenge cup for stiffs; a \$300 challenge cup for the collies, and \$250 trophy for the bulldogs.

winners of these many prizes are all well known in dog world, and specialists in the breeds which they ge. Miss A. H. Whitney, who will decide upon the rs of the prizes offered for St. Bernards, New foundlands and pugs, has acted in the capacity of judge these breeds for many years. She has kennels of siderable size, and owns a number of valuable St. Bernards, which she has not, however, shown for competition. George Roper, one of the most expert judges of dogs in England, has been chosen to pick the winning mastiffs, bloodhounds, Russian wolfhounds, deerhounds, greyhounds, English retrievers, collies, poodles, smooth and-tan and toy terriers, toy spaniels, schipperkes and miscellaneous dogs. Mr. Roper has had much experi-ence in judging, and is undoubtedly one of the most competent judges of dogs to be found. He is coming to America specially for this show, and is now on his over on the Aurania. He acted as judge at last year's show in New-York.

merits of the great Danes, foxhounds, dachshunde basset bounds. Mr. Muss-Arnolt is an enthusiastic sportsman, and keeps a fine kennel of pointers setters and bengles at Tuckahoe. He has, however ommon breeds of dogs, and with A. H. Heppner and a few other well-known dog Then, has worked hard to make these breeds popular in this country. For this reason, as well as for his long experience with and intimate knowledge of the dogs, he has been selected to judge them. Willism Taliman, of this city, will be judge for the pointers and all breeds of metters. He judged the Irish setters hast season, and is thoroughly competent to compare the merits of the best dogs in the world of these classes.

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four times before becoming the property of any one and a cigar cabinet to the owner of the best cocke spaniel, other than black, which never before w Pottinger Dorsey, of Newmarket, Md., who will judge the Chesapeake Eay dogs and beagles, is well known as a specialist in these breeds. He has a fine breeding kennel in Maryland. R. F. Mayhew, of New-York, will judge the wire-haired fox terriers, Irish, At last year's show he officiated in the capacity of judge of beagles and basset bounds. Mr. Mayhew has



DEXTER, POODLE

extensive kennels in Brooklyn, and owns a number of valuable terriers. He will exhibit his two famous wire haired fox terriers, Brittle and Vic Broom, although not for competition. These two dogs shown at last years's exhibition without competing. Mr. Mayhew's wife is also an enthusiast about dogs.

Probably the finest mastiffs which will be shown are those from the kennels of J. L. Winchell, of Fair Haven Vt., and of these Beaufort's Black Prince is undoubtedly the finest dog. He is the son of Champion Beau fort ont of Gerda, and was bred by his present owner. He was first shown at Albany last year, and won first prize in the puppy class, first in the open class, a special prize for the best mustiff in the show, and also special prize for the finest dog of any breed in the show. He was entered in the open class of last year's show in New-York and won first prize. He was then valued at \$5,000, and will no doubt be entered at a higher price this year. Mr. Winchell has also entered Beaufort's Colonel and Beaufort's Big Bess Hans Sachs, by Hotspur out of Lady Temple, who won the show lasts, admire the pugs, little terriers and spaniels, turn away with a shudder at fierce-looking buildogs, and sneer at the elongated and far from hand-mass, has entered Gerda II, Lady Diana, Lady Portia,



JUDGE, IRISH SETTER.

As usual, there are a great many entries in the St. Bernard classes. The Westminster Kennel Clab offers cash prizes for the best rough-coated and smooth coated dogs and bitches in the challenge, open, puppy and novice classes, besides the many special premiums. The finest exhibits will probably be from W. C. Reick's New-York St. Bernard Kennels and Jacob Ruppert, jr.'s, Dutchess Kennels, also of New-York. In the former the famous Sir Belivere is the most prominent entry. This dog was entered last year by the Wyoming Kennels, of Melrose, Mass., and was valued at \$10,000. He won first prize, as usual, in the open class for dogs. Last summer Str Bedivere was bought by Mr. Reick, and will be exhibited this year by him. Mr. Reick has siders that a majority of these dogs have pedigrees also entered Princess Florence, who won first prize in the open class for bitches last year; Kingston Regent, Refuge II, and Marvel, the last being a fine dog, recenty imported, which has never been shown in America Marvel's large head is said to be one of her strongest points. In Mr. Ruppert's exhibit are Lady Gladwyn, who won second at last year's show in the open class for bitches, and is valued at \$5,000; Miss Anna, Ellen Terry and four imported dogs, Kingstonian Count, Kingstonian Beauty, Kingstonian Countess and Hopsey, all of whom have won many prizes in England Among the other prominent entries are Swiss Mountain Kennel's Sunray and E. H. Moore's Lady Livingstone, Altonette and Lady Sneerwell. Altonette wa "yery highly commended" last year, and Lady Sneer well won third prize in the class for open dogs The exhibits from the Swiss Mountain Kennels, of Philadelphia, and C. T. Barney, of New-York, will prove the most interesting of the smooth coated St. Bernards. Scottish Leader and Leitha, the latter being another recent importation, and never shown before, have been entered by the former, while dr. Earney will show Nevis, Assley and Lady Gwen-

By far the best exhibit of bloodhounds-those fierce looking brutes which always suggest the barbarities of slavery days-will be that from J. B. Winchell's ken-nels. Among these dogs will be Victor and Judith, the log and bitch shown last year, as well as Bono Danes among the entries. finca, who was entered in last year's exhibition at \$10,000 and won first prize in the challenge class, ha been entered from the Cumberland Kennels; while Pedro, by Mentor out of Minerva, who won first prize in the open class for dogs, is also entered from the Shoquoquon Kennels. Prince Hal and Prince George,



ROYAL ROY AND TWINKLE.

eason's class for Newfoundland dogs, and Troy Lass II, who won first in that for bitches, have all three been entered again by John Marshall, of Troy, N. Y. H. W. Huntington has five Russian wolthounds entered for competition, Miss E. E. Stiner has four entries, while Hempstead Farm will show its famous entries, while Mica. John E. Thaver, of Lancaster, Mass. has practically a monopoly of the finest deerhounds. He has entered eight for competition, and they will probably carry off most of the prizes for that breed. he Dunrobin Kennels have also two fine dogs entered in this class.

Lovers of the little and active greybounds will have an excellent opportunity to see a great variety of their favorite dogs. The Woodhaven Kennels have entered three strong candidates for high honors, including the famous Lord Neverstill, while Horatio Nelson has entered two of his dogs. Arthur W. Purbeck, of Salem Mass., will probably show the best greyhounds in the exhibition, his entries including three famous English dogs, Gem of the Season, who won first in the challenge class last year; Ornatus and Lilly of Gainsboro', who has never before been shown in this country. He will also show Wild Rose and Southern Beauty. Mr. Furbeck's exhibit, it is thought, will prove the best of the show this year. Those far from handsome, but thoroughly "English" dogs, the foxhounds, are divided into two general classes for those of the American and English breeds respectively. In the former class the chief exhibitor will be Dr. H. T. Thurber, of Baltimore, who has entered four dogs. In the competition for those of the English variety there are packs from the kennelof the Rockaway Hunt Club, the Radnor Hunt and Mitchell Harrison. Last year the Radnor Hunt's

dogs and bitches carried off all but one of the prizes In judging pointers and setters their qualities and training as field dogs are also taken into consideration. Thus their practical value, as well as breeding and fine points, is an important item in their abilities as prize-winners. Special prizes are offered for those who have won honors in the field trials. T. G. Davey, of Canada, has entered several excellent point-

for Irish setters the exhibit from the Oak Grove Kennels, of Moodus, Conn., is by far the finest. They have four famous degs entered for competition—Dick swivelier, Kildare Gienmore, Duke Echo and Seminole, Charles P. Thompson, of Philadeiphia, and W. H. Beazell have also entered a number of good dogs. Judge, who has been entered in this class by T. F. Rose, of Camden, N. J., may also prove a dangerous competitor. He is by Bruce out of Bell, was bred by Henry Roberts and is now five years old. He was entered last year and was "very highly commended" in the open class. His owner and many other well-known dog men were not at all pleased with this decision, and though the same judge will officiate this year as last, much interest is centered in what award Mr. Rose's dog will receive. Among the Gordon setters those from the kennels of James B. Blossom, of New-York, appear to be the best entered. Champion Beaumont and Heather Bee, both of whom won first in the challenge classes of last year, are again entered, as are also Bellmont. Ether B. and several others. Edwin H. Morris, the Rosemont Kennels and the Inwood Kennels will also be prominent exhibitors in this class.

"Spaniel" is a term cavering a great many varieties of dogs, and the many subdivisions of the breed require a great number of classes to be judged. The American Spaniel Club and its members have offered many special prizes, cups, etc., besides the regular premiums of the managers of the exhibition. As usual, the spaniel classes this year are well patronized by the owners and breeders of this variety of dogs, almost all of whom belong to the Spaniel Club. Rowland P. Keasbey's Bean and Bridford Ruby, and Albert E. Foster's Eeverley Negns are among the best of the hield spaniels. A. C. Wilmerding's Rolio and Fascination, I Say and Troublesome from the kennels of the organization, of Torotto, are the most noted among the best entries in the cocker class.

Hempstead Farm has entered Comrade II, Woodmanstern Trefoil and five other collies, and J. Pierpont M or Irish setters the exhibit from the Oak Grove Kennels, of Moodus, Conn., is by far the finest. They

poodles entered one calls for special mention. H. Morris's Champion Dexter has won twenty first



CHAMPION OSSINING.

and challenge prizes in America, and many others in England and France. He was not entered last year in the New-York show, and his appearance this season will prove an additional attraction.

More prizes have been offered for buildogs than any other breed in the show. The grand trophy, valued at \$250, for the best dog or bitch of this variety, which was presented by T. L. Park through the Buildog Club of America, will prove the most valuable award, though there are four other cups valued at \$100 each offered for buildogs. The Porter cup, presented by E. Sheffeld Porter; the puppy lowl, presented by J. H. Matthews; the "American Field" buildog cup, presented by Dr. N. Rowe, and the Sawyer cup, presented by R. B. Sawyer, will probably all be sharply contested for, Pathinder, who won second in the open class for dogs, and Saleni, who won first in the open class for buildog sand from the Wheatly Kennels of Plainfield, N. J. Leonidas, from the Ranch Kennels, and Dolly Tester, from the kennels of J. H. Matthews, are among the most prominent of the many other entries in the buildog classes. Frank F. Dole and the Retnor Kennels have entered the best exhibits in the class for buil-terriers. Mrs. R. F. Mayhew, of Brooklyn, has entered this year her famous beagle Blue Belle II, who is by far the finest dog of its breed in the show. Blue Belle II has never been beaten in competition. In this city in 1800 and 1801 she won first prize, and in 1802 she was shown, but not for competition. In this city in 1800 and called upon to examine a large number and variety of dogs. There are many champions entered in the terriers and their many subdivisions, will this year be called upon to examine a large number and variety of dogs. There are many champions entered in the length pont is examine a large number and variety of dogs. There are many champions entered in the classes for different varieties, and there is sure to be enough jenlousy between the owners to cause ill feeling, regardless of which was the was the



BEAUFORT'S BLACK PRINCE.

the Wankle Kennels, C. A. Shinn, Mrs. A. P. Smith, Mrs. E. C. La Montagne, Hornell Harmony Kennels, Peter Cassidy, Frederick Senn and Joseph Bell have entered the finest dogs.

No dog show would be complete without exhibits of pugs, for these dogs, with the "toy" spaniels, always prove of the greatest interest to the many women who visit the show. Dr. M. H. Cryer, of Philadelphia, has entered his famous pug Bob Ivy, and Mrs. M. Wickelman and the Elizabeth Pug Kennels have also each booked a number of high-bred dogs, Mrs. F. Senn's kennels are perhaps the best known, and contain the finest specimens of the King Charles, Japanese and other varieties of "toy" spaniels, and, as usual, Mrs. Senn has sent in a number of entries in each class.

On the Monday night preceding the opening of the show there will begin a heavy invasion of dogs at Madison Square Garden, for the strict rule of the show is that all dogs must arrive there between 7 o'clock Monday evening and s o'clock on Tuesday morning. Getting 1,400 dogs into a building in one night and a few hours of the next morning is no light will be spent in preparing the building and animals for the exhibition. The show opens at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, and will be kept open from that hour till 11 o'clock each day thereafter until saturday, when a general evacuation will take place again, and the great building will be closed and cleaned for the next attraction. No one can afford to miss seeing this great exhibition of some of the finest specimens of the canine tribe in the world, and no doubt many lovers of dogs will be seen there many times during the four days the show lasts, for it is difficult to see them all in one day.

PREPARING FOR THE CANOE SEASON.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY MANY CLUBS, AND PLANS FOR THE SUMMER MEETINGS ARRANGED

eists throughout this part of the country are be ginning to shake off the lethargy into which they fail annually at the close of the active season in October or annually at the close of the active season in October November. From every direction comes news of preparation for the coming season. Annual meetings of many of the canee clubs in New-York, Brooklyn, on Leng Island, in New Jersey and along the Hudson are taking place almost daily, and officers for the coming year lected and dates selected for races and regattas. elected and dates selected for races and regattas. The Park Island Canoe Association, which is composed of the Trenton, Unamis, Hiawatha and Revene-shi clubs, and has splendid headquarters on Park Island in the Dela-ware River, near Trenton, recently held its annual meet-ing, when the following officers were elected for 1853: Charles E. Booz, president; E. D. Anderson, vice-presi-dent: W. C. Lawrence, secretary and treasurer, and Frederick B. Yard, W. F. Donnelly, J. Wallace Hoff, Clark Covers and J. B. Acnew trustees. The association Clark Cooper and J. B. Agnew, trustees. The association will be well represented at the annual camp and meeting of the Atlantic Division of the American Canoe Association, which will be held in Long Island Sound off Great Captain's Island next July.

Captain's Island next July.

At the recent annual meeting of the Yonkers Cano
Club the following officers were elected: Jerome W. Simp
son, Commodore; William R. Haviland, vice-commodore Thomas Hale, jr., secretary; Theodore S. Oxholm, treasurer; W. J. Wright, captain, and Leo Shire, lieutenant.

The members of the Brooklyn Canoe Club have decided not to hold their annual camp on the shore of Huntington Bay, as heretefore, and are looking for some other site nearer Brooklyn. It is probable that Hempstead Harbor will, be selected. The following computes here been will be selected. The following committee has been appointed to take charge of the annual cruise and camp: Thomas G. Budington, Daniel Nash, M. M. Davis, C. V.

Jones, purser, and George Doring and T. E. Ward, trus-

The annual election of officers of the Jersey City Canoe Club for 1803 resulted in the selection of William H. Hiller, commodore; Edward W. Edinger, vice-commodore and W. T. Markham, secretary and treasurer.

Raymond Appollonia, captain; F. B. Moulton, lieutenant; Henry C. Holt, secretary, and Roland Cutter, purser will be the officers of the Shuh-Shuh-Gah Canoe Club of Winchester, Mass.

Winchester, Mass. The Rutherford Canoe Club has elected D. W. Bain, aptain; Frank McLees, mate; William Barkley, purser, and these officers, with Alfred Oakley and Thomas Connors, executive committee.

The annual election of officers of the Hartford Cano Club resulted as follows: Dr. George L. Parmele, president; John D. Parker, commodore; Frederick B. Lewis secretary, and William D. Davidson, treasurer.

Lamplighter is one of the horses that are sure to be favorites with racegoers, who always become attached to horses that show gameness and win races under great disadvantages. Lamplighter's career as a twogrand rush through the stretch, coming from at least six lengths behind the last horse and winning the race. Pierre Lorillard, his present owner, wanted the horse at that time and a few days later bid him up to \$5,000 in a selling race.



Lamplighter is a brown horse about sixteen hands high and as near perfection as any horse on the American turf. His breeding is sure to make him valuable as a sire when his racing career is ended. He was sired by Spendthrift and is out of imported Torchlight. He began his career as a four-year-old by running third in the Suburban, Bergen, his jockey, naking his run too late. Lamplighter was gaining at every stride and was not beaten a length for the honors. His career for the rest of the season was a remarkable one, as he started in sixteen races, winning ten, including a walkover at Morris Park. J. W. Rogers, who was a partner with S. S. Brown in the ownership of Lamplighter, and who trained him in the earlier part of the season, says that Lamplighter should have won every race in which he started last season, except the race in which he was beaten by Reckon at Monmouth Park, as Rogers declares he was beaten when the handicap was accepted in that race. Lamplighter, three years old, carried 115 pounds to 100 pounds of Reckon, a four-year-old filly. Lamplighter was purchased by Mr. Lorillard at Monmouth Park for \$30,000. In the Bancocas colors he was highly successful. John Huggins, who trains the aged division of the Rancocas Stable, won seven and lost three races with him.



TAMMANY.

Lamplighter's race for the Bridge Handicap was one of the best ever seen on the American turf, as he carried 127 pounds and ran over his opponents, wining easily one and a half miles in the fast time of 2:35 4-5. Lamplighter is in the Brooklyn Handicap He is likely to start in the race, although it is posside that he will have a stable companion in with him and the chances are that he will have started in sev-

at Sheepshead Bay, when he lowered his colors to Charade. Many persons, however, are doubtful about his qualities as a campaigner, as he started in only five races last year, winning four of them. He is a chestnut colt, four years old, sixteen hands high, of good length and substance. He has a clean, well-cut head set well on a shapely neck. He has a mag nificent shoulder and middle piece, although he is inclined to slackness in the coupling. He is not a horse abnormally muscled, but his muscles are rather long,

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Tammany has the distinction of being so much underrated by his trainer and the public that he won the Great Eclipse Stakes at Morris Park with olds of 100 to 1 laid against him. He is the only horse in the history of the American turf which has had such a long price laid against him and afterward has developed into a first-class animal.

Tammany runs better in his races than in trials. The Tribune reported that fact before Tammany ever faced the flag. It is extremely probable that Tammany will be Marcus Daly's candidate for Suburban honors. His trainer, Matthew Byrnes, would much rather win a race like the Suburban than to win twenty purse races. He is one of the shrewdest trainers on the turf and has the faculty of sending his horses to the post fit and ready to race.

The colt has wintered in Montana at Mr. Daly's ranch. The weather has been intensely cold in Montana this winter. Many men from the plains are emphatic in the assertion that wintering horses in Montana developes their lungs and greatly improves their wind. Mr. Baty said to the writer that he wanted to experiment this winter so that he could form his inture plates in regard to his racing stable and as to where his horses should winter.

E. If. Garrison is likely to ride the son of Iroquois and Tullahoma in the race for the suburban, so that, with Byrnes as his trainer and Garrison to ride him, is the is likely to be guoted as one of the favorites for the race. With 127 pounds on his back he will meet Lamplighter, who carries the same weight, so that if both of them are starters there is likely to be some likely betting between the partisans of each horse. Tammany is to be shipped early in March, so that there will be ample time to get him in superb condition when the Sheepshead Bay meeting begins.

The cut of Tammany is taken from a sketch from life by C. B. Fish.

ARMY NOTES OF INTEREST.

Students from the school of Esculaplus who aspire to wear the blue and gold that distinguishes an of-ficer of the Army, in the front of the enemy, in the garrison, on dress parade, or at the Old Guard receptions, will soon have an opportunity to appear before the board of inquisition to meet in this city in a few weeks to examine cardidates for the ten vacancies in the grade of assistant surgeons. The surgeon-General has just issued the circular of ormation for candidates and sent to the board the list of questions to be asked of the candidates, through which their knowledge of how to heal the sick and bind up the wounds of the afflicted will be tested the difference between morphine and quinine; the difference between the spatula and a broadsword, or a scalprum and a scimitar; how they would treat a gun-shot wound, or one made by a 100-pound solid shot, etc. Undoubtedly many of the students who Thomas G. Budington, Daniel San, at Sandard Schuyler and Charles R. Richards.

The Mohawk Canoe Club of Troy has elected the following officers: Charles Doring, commodore; H. W. Harvey, vice-commodore; L. L. Rich, secretary; Edward effect immediately upon its promulgation; hence the examinations must not be postponed. There are, no doubt, scores who will appear for examination who doubt, scores who will appear for examination who have not yet been fortunate enough to build up a large practice, and they will be glad to strive for a life position beginning with \$1.500 a year and the privilege of wearing the uniform of a first lieutenant. Five years from the date of their commissions assistant surgeous receive the pay of a captain, or \$1.800 a year, and thereafter 10 per cent increase for each five years of service until a maximum of 40 per cent is reached, with the probability of promotion to higher grades before the twenty years have ended. In addition to the pay, there are allowances for quarters, etc. for quarters, etc.

The amendment made in the Senate to the Army Appropriation bill reducing the number of paymasters from twenty-five to twenty did not prevail with the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the number remains as fixed by a previous law. It is now probable that President Harrison will send in nominations to fill the two vacancies in the pay corps, and one of the nominations is likely to be a captain

TWO WELL-KNOWN HORSES.

In the line of the Army; but one of that rank, Captain W. P. Hall, of the 5th Cavalry, and a brother-in-law of Senator Blackburn, has declined an offer-in-law of Senator Blackburn, has d

General John Gibbon, in his article on Reforms in the Army," published in "The North American Review," says: "Few out of the military service can form the slightest idea of the fatal blows year-old was not extremely brilliant. In one of his discipline and efficiency have received by appointments made on any other grounds than those of efficiency made on any other grounds than those of efficiency and rank. Men naturally strive after those things most conductive to their own interests. If political and personal influence are made the test, officers will become politicians and strive after personal influence. If solderly qualities are the test, officers where the solder of the prize which ought to be the reward of solderly record."

The foregoing would seem to be a commendation of President Harrison's selection of Colonel T. H. tanton, chief paymaster of the Department of the Stanton, chief paymaster of the Department of the Platte, to succeed to the vacancy of Deputy Paymaster-General, caused by the recent death of Colonel Rucker. "He is better known throughout the West," says. "The Omaha World-Herald," "as 'Crook's Fighting Faymaster' than by any other sobriquet, and if ever a man who trod the path of glory at the head of Indian scouts or left the pay train 'o engage in fighting deserves a reward, it is Colonel Stanton."

An amendment to the Army Appropriation bill relative to the enlisted men does not meet approbation from officers of the Army. It provides that in time of peace, no recruit shall be enlisted for the first time who is over thirty years of age, and that no person shall be re-culisted who has served ten years or more, or who is over thirty-five years old, except such as have already served as enlisted men for twenty such as have already served as enlisted men for twenty years or upward. The desire has been to enlist men who, if they proved good and efficient soldiers, would remain in the service, and it was to encourage men who would make worthy soldiers that have have been passed establishing increased pay for length of service and upon good-conduct certificates, establishing soldiers' homes and a retired list for those who had served falthfully tibirty years or more. But if a law is passed to prevent any soldier from serving more than ten years the other laws may as well be repealed.

Captain Guy L. Edie, assistant surgeon, who re was ordered to New-York, has gone to For Wadsworth, in the Lower Bay, to take charge of the redical department at that post pending the illness Captain Curtis E. Frice, assistant surgeon in charge

TO DEFEND THE CUP.

MORE VACHTSMEN ENTER THE LISTS.

INTEREST IN THE INTERNATIONAL RACE GROWS REENER-VARIOUS NOTES.

The interest of all yachtsmen in this part of the ountry is just now centred in the extensive preparations which are being made by the members of the New-York Yacht Club to defend the America's cup. The acceptance of Lord Dunraven's challenge for the historic trophy, which has not been raced for since 1887, has stirred up an unusual amount of interest in yachting affairs both here and in New-England and good judges are already predicting a remarkably



CAPTAIN WILLIAM HANSEN.

active season. It is now practically settled that the Paines, of Boston, will build a cup-defender at Lawley's yards, and their boat will be the fourth which has entered the lists as a possible opponent of the Valkyrie. If Mr. Carroll's present plans are

assist his son in that part of the work, and finally that General Paine would design the boat and his case, however, the veteran yachtsman is sure to have a finger in the pie," and people may look for a speedy yacht to represent Boston in the trial races. "Syndicate No. 2," as that headed by Commodore E. D. Morgan is known, completed negotiations last week for a sailing-master for their boat. The man selected is Capitain William Hansen, who has been in the employ of Frederick S. Grinnell, of Providence, as captain of the Quickstep. At the earnest solicita-tion of Commodore Morgan and C. O. D. Iselin, Mr. Grinnell, who had a contract for Hansen's services next year, released him, and Hansen will sail on the Morgan cup-defender in the trial races, and if successful in these contests, against the Valkyrie. Hansen is a Norwegian by birth and is forty-six years old. He came to America in 1870, and ever since has acted as sailing-master for pleasure and racing yachts. captain of the Quickstep, he won many notable victories, and has earned the reputation of being a shrewd and skilful master. Opposed to him will be Captain "Hank" Haff, who will sail the "first syndiboat, and Captain John Barr, on the Carroll boat, if she takes part in the races.

February is the month of elections in yachting dreles, for the annual meetings of nearly all of he prominent clubs take place this month. Last week officers were elected in the Staten Island, Excelsior, New-Rechelle and Canarsie yacht clubs, and in the coming week the Atlantic, American, Eastern and Larchmont clubs will hold their annual elections On Monday evening the Atlantic Yacht Club will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel St. George, in Brooklyn. The New-York Yacht Racing Association will give its third annual dinner on that evening at O'Neill's, Sixth-ave, and Twenty-third-st. On Tuesday evening the annual meeting of the Eastern Yacht Club will be held in Boston, and that of the American Yacht Club at Delmonico's, in this city. The nominations for the officers to be elected at the Boston meeting are as follows: Commodore, J. Forbes, sloop Puritan; vice-commodore, W. Amory Gardner, schooner Mayflower; rear commodore, Charles Francis Adams, second, sloop Harpoon; secretary, William S. Eaton, jr.; treasurer, P. T. Jackson; measurer, Henry saggard; members of the council, Augustus Hemmenway, F. E. Peabody. Those nominated for officers of the American Yacht Club are: Commodore, Frank R. Lawrence, steam-yacht Thyra; vice-commodore, John H. Flagler, steam-yacht Isolene; rear commodore, G. Weaver Loper, steam-yacht Avenel; secretary, Thomas L. Scovill; treasurer, George W. Hall: fleet surgeon, Dr. Charles L. Pardee; measurer, Charles H. Haswell, and consulting engineer, George W. Magee. At the meeting of the Larchmont Yacht Club, which will be held on Wednesday evening, also at Delmonico's, the following officers will probably be elected: Commodore, Caldwell H. Cot, schooner-yacht Eauntless; vice-commodore, Harold A. Sanderson, yawl Nonparellle; rear commodore, George Work, sloop Katrina; secretary, Charles C. Little; treasurer. William Murray.

Reports which have reached this country of the new steam yacht Vallant, which is being built for William K. Vanderbilt in the yards of Laird Brothes, at Birkenhead, Eng., after the plans of St. Clair Byrne, of Liverpool, prove that she will be the largest yacht affoat, and should more than fill the of the sunken Alva. The Vallant will be 310 feet long, will have an extreme beam of 39 feet 3 inches, and depth of 25 feet 6 inches. Her tonnage will be about 2,400. She will have two sets of will be about 2,400. She will have two sets of tripte-expansion engines driving Forizontal twin screws. Her engines will have a capacity of 1,500 horse-power, and will be capable of driving her along at a rate of eighteen miles an hour. She will be rigged as a brig and carry two small sfeam launches and four other boats. This new floating palace will be fitted up in the most approved style. She will also have an electric lighting plant and an tee-making machine aboard. Two search-lights will be mounted on her bridge, and her steering-gear will be worked by steam. With all these arrangements to make the Vallant a haveious summer home, the new boat will be a thoroughly safe sea-going craft. She will be guaranteed to make seventeen miles an hour at sea.

RHYMES FOR VALENTINES

LOVERS KEEP ON SENDING THEM.

THEY USED TO DRAW LOTS FOR SWEETHEART AND BUY FREEDOM FROM WRONG ONES WITH PRESENTS.

Poor Valentine! How many follies are commit Poor Valentine! How many joines are committed in thy name! How the poor postman on thy day labors under a load not easy to be borne and not properly his own, for even gods have duties, and it were not right that a lusty boy like Capid should throw his half-finished work on the shoulders of Mercury, already occupied with weightier matters by the gods' commands. Yet let not the messenger blane Valentine. He is innocent. He wrote no love sons, and no one rises up to accuse him of having ever cast sheeps eyes at a Roman damsel. He lived and cast sheeps'-eyes at a Roman damsel. He lived and preached and witnessed and was a martyr for the faith. This was in Rome in the time of Claudian who in his persecutions arrested the fearless preserve and placed him in a prison watched over by Asteria. The jailer had a daughter who was blind, and Valestine healed her and brought the whole family to the Christian faith. Calphurius, the agent of the Enperor, on learning this had them destroyed, at hebended Valentine in the Flaminian way on Februar beheaded Valentine in the Flaminian way on February



AN OLD-TIME CARTOON.

14, and that is all he had to do with lovers and their day. Another Valentine also claims a share in the day, who has as little to do with love. He was the bishop who healed a son of Craton, the rhet and suffered death in Rome. In Italy and Germany they pray to him to cure epilepsy. Either Valenting would be surprised to find himself a lovers' saint, but he has his compensation. Truly spoke Charles Lamb to the bishop, "Like unto thee, assuredly, there is no mitred father in the calendar; not Jerome, nor Ambrose, nor Cyril; nor the consigner of undipt infants to eternal torments, Austin, whom all mothers hate; nor he who hated all mothers, Origen; nor Bishop Bull, nor Archbishop Parker, nor Whitein Thou comest attended with thousands and ten the sands little Loves, and the air is

"Brush'd with the hiss of rustling wings. "Singing Cupids are thy choristers and thy precentors, and instead of the crosier, the mystical arrow is borne before thee."

This glorious fate, like many other fates that follow saints, began far back in Rome it seems. The young men of the Pagan city drew lots for companions in Juno's festivals in February, and Valentine was the residuary legatee. The English youths and maidens honor him in the way that lovers of another age did courtesy to her. It is a custom old enough in England for Wharton to have written this in praise of Catherine, the wife of Henry V.:

Sevnte Valentine, of custome yeers by yeers Men have an usuance, in this regious, To loke and serche Cupides kalendere, And chose theyr choyse, by grete affectious, Such as ben move with Cupides mocioun, Takyng theyre choyse as theyr sort doth falle; But I love oon whiche excelleth alle.

Not only youths and maids, but the birds of the air, keep St. Valentine's, according to Chancer, who quotes a heavenly power as saying to them of their holce of "makes" or mates: Ye know well, how on St. Valentines' day

By my statute and through my governaunce Ye doe chese your makes, and after file away With hem as I move you with pleasaunce Besides the drawing of lots for partners for a cap or year, often resulting in longer partnersign to which it may be said the men were much more

tenacious of the partners allotted to them then of has entered Starden's King and Miss Dollar, and from the Hemoto Kennels will be seen, among others. Blemton Victor II, Lucifer and Blemton Valor. Mr. Maybew will show Brittle and Vie Broom, though now will show Brittle and Vie Broom, though now will show Brittle and Vie Broom, though now will show which will be seen are H. W. Smith's St. Broom, sister Nettle and Sister Pattern. Walter J. Broom, sister Nettle and Sister Pattern, Walter J. Broom, sister Nettle and Sister Pattern, Walter J. Comstock will show several fine Irial terriers, including Boxer IV and Dummurray. In the black and terrier class the Rochelle Kennels and Frank F. Dole will probably have the finest exhibits, while wome of the best of the Bedlington terriers. In the classes for Scottish, Skye, Welsh and Verishire breeds the Wanke Kennels, C. A. Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern, was actually the champlen of the three-classes for Scottish, Skye, Welsh and Verishire breeds the Wanke Kennels, C. A. Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern, was actually the champlen of the three-classes for Scottish, Skye, Welsh and Verishire breeds the Wanke Kennels, C. A. Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. A. P. Smith St. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, Mrs. Pattern and Disconting and Shin, those to whom they were allotted, another way to choose a Valentine was by looking for the first person A custom of the last century in Kent was for the boys to make a rude effigy on St. Valentine's day which the girls captured and burned. It was known as the "holly boy." The girls made a simtlar figure, the "tvy girl," which the boys treated in

the same way. Then they all had a good time to gether. Many of the divinations of Halloween are equally appropriate on February 14. You can find your level by rolling slips of paper with the names of sus-pected persons in bits of clay and throwing them in The true sweetheart will rise the quickest rater. When Valentines were chosen by lot a present to buy one's freedom was often necessary. Pepys, in his familiar gossiping about himself and family, tells of the Valentine present he bought for his neighbor's wife and his neighbor for his wife, and how the httle boy came to his wife's bedside one morning to pay homage to her. "By-and-by comes Mrs. Pierce with my name in her bosom for her Valentine, which will cost me money." The young folks of both sexes seem to have sought out their allotted Valentines at each other's homes. Ophelia, in her madness, sings;

And I a maid at your window,

But maids no longer have license to haunt their lovers' windows, and youths are not expected to make Valentine calls to see their mistresses who have yet half-opened eyes. Only the postman is welcome before breakfast, and on him the burden of the day has fallen. Little else of it survives. With ah old caricature of Cupid goes this rather common rhyme:

Where can the postman be I say I He ought to fly on such a day Of all days in the year you know,
It's monstrous rude to be so slow;
The fellow's so exceeding stupid—
Hark :-there he is :-oh! the dear Cupid!

The dear Cupid has been bringing rhymes and love tokens for so long that one would think the world would be tired of them, but bleeding hearts and tender verses seem still to be in demand. Innumerable tender verses seem still to be in demand. Innumeration rhymes might be quoted which would be appropriate for use on Tuesday, but Shakespeare and Gay and the Farmers' Almanac would here be an impertuence, for all the world knows that every lover has in his own heart better poetry for his purpose than can be preserved in printers' link. So lond youth begin to form your own verses. If you dare not sign year name, send them without it, and if you have as sweetheart follow Lamb's friend, E. B., who lived opposite a young maiden whom he had often seen, unseen, and who wrought a wondrous work and send it to her, himself unknown, and saw "the happy girl unfold the Valentine, dance about, clap her had an one she fare one the pretty emblems unfolds themselves. She danced about, not with light love or foolish expectations, for she had no lover; or, if she had, none she knew that could have created these bright images which delighted her. It was made like some fairy present; a food-send, as our familiary plous ancestors termed a benefit received where the benefactor was unknown. It would do her no ham, and the her had benefit received where the benefactor was unknown. Then send some one something does not love for verse and paper laces. Nay, more, she may be the maid Dhan, who would wish to be unknowled by such gewgaws, but send them just the same, and let her throw them lightly to one side. You have paid your vows to true love custom. You have paid your vows to true love custom. You have paid your vows to true love custom. You have hep the ritual of your patron saint. You have been true to old times, to the dovers' guild, to your own dreaming, and having done all may fall back of Fate, the final trust of every true lover, for he mast know himself unworthy of himself to win. rhymes might be quoted which would be appropriate

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A delivery cierk at one of the West Shore Railresd freight piers has adopted an ingenious time-saving method of taking signatures for the delivery of property which is likely to be copied. The usual custom has been to entain date, quantity and marks of packages, with the truck of wagon's number or address, upon the long lines of a heavy, unwieldy book and then turn the book around for a driver to append his name. At some places the handling of a weighty volume is eased by the use of a revolving disc, which holds the book in the delivery window and can be whirled around for signatures. The West Shore man displays further economy; he fills in his official line and lets the truckman or other receiver of goods sign on its margin as the book lies. The names of course appear upside down from the other writing, but the foil pupper upside down from the other writing, but the foil pupper upside down from the other writing, but the foil pupper upside down from the other writing.